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Letter dated 14 August 2001 from the Minister-Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

I have the honour to refer to note verbale No. HC-36-01, dated 13 August 2001, sent by the United States Mission to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations (see annex), and request that you, in your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Committee.

(*Signed*) Robert C. **Moller**
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Annex to the letter dated 14 August 2001 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and wishes to inform the Permanent Mission of the current status of the Permanent Mission's diplomatic bank accounts at the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, and to remove any misunderstanding on the part of the Permanent Mission in this regard.

The United States Mission understands from the Chase Manhattan Bank that the diplomatic accounts of the Permanent Mission are operating, notwithstanding a restraining notice served by the plaintiff's attorney in connection with a judgement obtained in a Florida State Court in *Martinez v. Cuba*.

It is the view of the Department of State that the diplomatic bank accounts of the Permanent Mission are immune from attachment and execution. The Department of State may seek the assistance of the Department of Justice should any attempt be made to interfere with the operation of diplomatic accounts.